

SOME ACCOUNT  
OF THE INSTITUTION  
AND  
*Management*  
OF THE  
SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY,  
IN  
SHEFFIELD,  

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FOR  
POOR GIRLS.

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**D**IVERS inhabitants of this town and its neighbourhood, compassionating the state of poor children who are lamentably trained up in indolence, and, for want of instruction, corrupted by ill habits, have opened a day school, supported by subscriptions and donations, for about 50 girls, who are instructed in reading, knitting and sewing: one half of the number in the forenoon, and the other in the afternoon. For the improvement of the children, child-clothes and other

articles are made and sold at low prices for the benefit of the poor.

The most neglected children are the objects of this charity ; so that it is not confined to any particular sect. As the subscribers are of different religious persuasions, no forms of prayer, or catechism, are used in the school, but the scriptures are frequently read ; promoting industry and morality, and discouraging vice, being the principal design.

As the salutary purposes of this institution are best effected by a committee of inspectors, such are annually chosen from amongst the subscribers. This committee consists of twelve persons, appointed for one year, who meet quarterly, inspect the school, and confer upon such subjects as relate to the welfare of the institution, recording their remarks for the informa-

tion of the subscribers at their annual meeting.

They also appoint three of their members as a sub-committee, who alternately visit the school, assist in procuring work for the children, support the school mistress in her authority, and see that the rules are complied with.

This sub-committee meet monthly to enter their remarks in writing, which are produced at the quarterly meeting, with a statement of the income and expenditure. They occasionally read and explain the rules of the school to the children, enforcing a strict adherence thereto, and are by them called governesses.

Subscribers may recommend such children as have no other opportunity of learning, and are <sup>not</sup> under eight years of

age. The committee are authorised to select from the children so recommended, such as are the first objects of its care, and the remainder are entered upon the list, and admitted at their discretion. Before any child is entered the family is visited in which they reside, and an address to parents read to them; but if it appear to the visitors that any such child is not an object of this institution, the committee is empowered to refuse their admission, giving their reasons to the person by whom she is recommended.

Such subscribers as recommend children for the school are requested to send an explicit account, in writing, of their age, place of abode, and whether they are orphans or have parents; this information is handed to the treasurer or clerk for the sub-committee.



The power of electing or dismissing a school mistress is vested in the committee only. The best interest of the children is the principal motive in the choice of one. None are eligible for this office but such as are of good character and exemplary conduct, so divested of family connexions as to devote most of their time to the children's improvement, and possessing the necessary qualifications for their instruction. She is to teach the children stillness and attentive behaviour on all occasions, not suffering loud talking or unnecessary noise in the school, nor any appearance of evil to pass unnoticed ; encouragement is handed freely where reproof is not requisite. Persuasion and firmness are always preferable to severity and correction, which should only be used in apparent obstinacy--then sparingly and with the approbation of some of the committee.

She is also to teach the children cleanliness and industry, not admitting them to be absent without giving a reason for it on their return.—And is expected to inform the sub-committee how far the rules of the school are complied with.

The children are provided with aprons and pocket handkerchiefs, to be worn in the school, which are procured and washed at the expence of the institution.

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## ADDRESS TO PARENTS.

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SUCH parents as incline to send their children to the school of industry, are desired to be careful to wash them clean, and comb them, not keeping them at home, except when sick, or with leave of



their school mistrefs, but minding they attend at the hour appointed. None, however poorly clothed, are rejected, provided they have no infectious disorders and the rules are complied with.

As the children are intended to be treated with kindness, and all prophane words and passionate conduct discouraged, so it is defirable that parents will be good examples in these respects themselves, that the intention of the charity may not be in vain.

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## *RULES*

FOR

THE CHILDREN.

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THE intention of this school, dear children, is to procure you learning and

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teach you industry, that you may be able hereafter to maintain yourselves comfortably, and, above all other motives, to encourage you to become good children:—In order to be so, remember your Creator in the days of your youth. He sees all your actions and knows all your thoughts. Good children he will reward; if wicked children continue so, they will be punished—Therefore,

Never swear at all.

Never take the Almighty's Name in vain.

Never steal even the smallest thing.

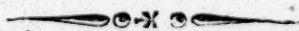
Never tell a lye.

Never quarrel with your schoolfellows, or any others.

Never commit any evil, even in secret, but at all times behave innocently.

In going to or from school don't loiter by the way, but attend at the hour appointed, minding to be clean washed and combed ; and when there, take your seats quietly, be diligent in your learning, and obey all the directions of your mistress and governesses.

Good children will be treated with kindness, but such as will be naughty children must be turned out of the school.



This undertaking has met with encouragement from the benevolent of various distinctions, and several have increased their subscriptions since last year. Those who are disposed to contribute to this charity, are requested to send their names to Phœbe Heppenstall, treasurer, No. 28, Snig-hill, or Elizabeth Smith, clerk to the institution, No. 7, Angel-street.

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LIST  
OF  
THE SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES,  
TO THE  
SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY,

For the Year 1798.

	A.	S.	D.
ATKIN, Hannah . . . . .	0	5	0
Aldam, Sarah . . . . .	0	5	0
Aldham, John, junr. . . . .	0	5	0
Browne, John, M. D. . . . .	0	10	6
Brookes, Ebenezer . . . . .	0	10	6
Broadhead, Dorothy . . . . .	0	5	0
Brammall, Mary . . . . .	0	5	0
Brady, Elizabeth . . . . .	0	5	0
Binny, Catharine . . . . .	0	5	0
Botham, Ellin . . . . .	0	5	0
Best, Thomas . . . . .	0	5	0
Brady, Betfy . . . . .	0	5	0
Boothby, Ann . . . . .	0	5	0
Brown, Amelia . . . . .	0	5	0
Bailey, Richard . . . . .	0	5	0
Colley, Jane . . . . .	0	7	6
Colley, Mary . . . . .	0	5	0
Calton, Matilda . . . . .	0	5	0

Cousins, Jane	0	5	0
Carr, Francis	0	5	0
Deakin, Mary	0	5	0
Doncaster, Jane	0	5	0
Davison, Ann	0	3	0
Eyre, Vincent, Esq.	1	1	0
Evatt, William	0	5	0
Evans, Susannah	0	5	0
Fox, Godfrey	0	5	0
Fairbank, Mary	0	5	0
Frith, Joseph, King Street	0	5	0
Frith, Francis, Westbar	0	5	0
Frith, Elizabeth	0	5	0
Frith, Ann	0	5	0
Frith, Elizabeth, Snig Hill	0	5	0
Gillott, William	0	3	0
Hoyland, Elizabeth	0	10	6
Hawksley, Joseph	0	5	0
Hawksley, James	0	5	0
Haines, Elizabeth	0	5	0
Holy, Elizabeth	0	5	0
Hall, Mary	0	5	0
Harwood, Elizabeth	0	5	0
Haist, Ellen	0	5	0
Heppenstall, Phebe	0	5	0
Hadfield, Mary	0	5	0
Hobson, Jonathan	0	5	0
Holbem, Rebecca	0	3	0
Hodgson, William	0	3	0
Ingham, John	0	5	0
Jervis, Mary	0	5	0
Jarvis, Mary	0	5	0
Kirkby, Ann	0	5	0
Loftus, Rebecca	0	10	6
Lea, Sarah	0	5	0
Littlewood, Mary	0	2	6

Madin, Mary	o	5	0
Mallinson, Phebe	o	5	0
Mower, Martha	o	5	0
Oates, Christopher	o	5	0
Peech, Ann, and Daughter	o	10	6
Pafs, John	o	5	0
Parkin, John	o	5	0
Pearson, Thomas	o	5	0
Parnell, Elizabeth	o	5	0
Palfreyman, Mary	o	5	0
Roberts, Mary	o	5	0
Rotherham, Mary	o	5	0
Roebuck, Sarah	o	5	0
Roberts, Samuel, jun.	o	5	0
Roberts, Jacob	o	5	0
Rose, Sarah	o	5	0
Staniforth, Ann, and Daughter	o	10	6
Smith, John	o	5	0
Smith, Jane	o	5	0
Smith, Samuel	o	5	0
Sutcliff, Sarah, junr.	o	5	0
Sutcliff, John	o	5	0
Spring, Margaret, Heeley	o	5	0
Senier, George	o	5	0
Straw, Benjamin	o	5	0
Sorby, Elizabeth	o	3	0
Tricket, Catharine, and Daughter	o	7	6
Turner, Margaret	o	5	0
Thompson, William	o	5	0
Thomas, Jane	o	5	0
Wilkinson, James, Broomhall	o	10	6
Woolhouse, Ann	o	5	0
Woodcock, Elizabeth	o	5	0
Wiley, Elizabeth	o	5	0
Webb, Hawksley Charles	o	5	0
Wilson, Edmund	o	5	0



Williams, John, Norton	o	5	o
Withers, Mary, jun.	o	5	o
Walker, Mary	o	5	o
Young, A. Simon	o	5	o



## DONATIONS.

## ANONYMOUS

Bennett, John	o	5	o
Bingham, John	o	10	6
B——, T——	o	10	6
Barnard, Daniel	o	5	o
Barker, William	o	5	o
Cam, Louisa	o	5	o
Cam, Jane	o	5	o
Clark, Henry	o	5	o
Clark, Elizabeth	o	3	o
Crawshaw, Elizabeth, Button Hill	o	5	o
Elliott, Joseph	o	5	o
Elam, Alice	o	5	o
Elliott, Mary	o	5	o
Freeth, Daniel, Nottingham	2	2	o
Freeth, Elizabeth, ditto	2	2	o
Frith, Joseph, King Street	o	10	6
Friend to the Institution	o	5	o
Greenwood, Samuel, Todmorden	1	1	o
Greaves, Sarah	o	5	o
Hoyland, Elizabeth	o	10	6
Harrison, Rebecca	o	5	o
Hutton, Barbara	o	5	o
Kirkby, James	o	5	o

Marshall, Samuel	.	.	0	10	6
Mower, Elizabeth	.	.	0	5	0
M——, J——	.	.	0	2	6
Newton, Thomas	.	.	0	5	0
Naylor, Samuel	.	.	0	3	0
Overend, Hall	.	.	0	5	0
Pattin, Elizabeth	.	.	0	5	0
Rogers, John	.	.	0	5	0
Shore, Samuel, Esq.	.	.	1	1	0
Shore, William, Esq.	.	.	1	1	0
Shore, Gertrude	.	.	0	10	6
Senior, John	.	.	0	5	0
Spurr, Hannah	.	.	0	5	0
Stacey, John	.	.	0	2	6
Unwin, Joseph	.	.	0	5	0
Worthington, Mary, Cheshire	.	.	2	2	0
Wellwisher	.	.	1	1	0
Winter, Mary	.	.	0	5	0
Wright, Alatheia	.	.	0	5	0
Wright, Sarah	.	.	0	5	0
Young, William, M. D.	.	.	0	10	6



# *Omissions.*

## SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Barnard, Elizabeth	0	5	0
Hoole, John	0	5	0
Sutcliff, Pascha	0	5	0
Scott, Ann	0	5	0
For Roberts, Mary 5s. read	0	7	6
For Gillott, William, read Samuel.			
For S. Wright's donation 5s. read	0	3	0

## DONATIONS.

Cousins Jane, for Children's Cloath-	}	1	1	0
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A friend to the Charity		0	5	0

Omission.

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For S. Wright's donation 5s. each	o	3	o
For Gilliam, William, each 5s. each	o	7	o
For Roberts, Mary 5s. each	o	3	o
Scott, Ann	o	3	o
Smith, Tabitha	o	3	o
Hook, John	o	3	o
Harvard, Elizabeth	o	3	o

A friend to the  
19 JUL 5.  
Circulars sent for children's clothing  
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